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"‘Yes,’ replied the girl.

"After waiting for five minutes for him to say something more, she said:

"‘Well, what have you got to say?’

"‘Nothing,’ replied the young man. ‘I’ve said too much already.’"  
—Washington Star.

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**Arguing with the Law.**—The crack player of the police cricket team was batting. Along came a slow ball which the sturdy batsman punished, severely, and ran accordingly. He got home comfortably before his wicket was knocked down, but was declared out.

"Why," exclaimed the indignant limb of the law, "I was a yard past the wicket."

"Maybe," said the umpire, "but it ain't what you say, it's what I say; and I say you're out."

"But——," began the irate P. C.

"Now do you remember," interrupted the umpire, "saying to me about a month ago, ‘Don't argue with the law’? Well, you was the law then, and I was run in. Now," he added triumphantly, "I'm the law, and you're run out."—St. Louis Star.

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## BOOK REVIEWS.

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All book reviews are by the Editor-in-Chief unless otherwise expressly stated.

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**Liquor Prohibition.** By Archibald Douglas Dabney, B.L., Judge of the Corporation Court of Charlottesville, Virginia, formerly Commonwealth's Attorney, United States Commissioner, and a Member of the Editorial Staff of the Michie Company, Law Publishers, Charlottesville, Virginia. 1920. Price \$6.00, delivered.

As Judge Dabney says in his very modest preface, this book is not in any sense a treatise, but it is a complete collation of all decisions considering prohibitory statutes containing provisions similar to the provisions of the Federal Act. This is the first book upon this subject now so much—and we fear hereafter so much more to be—before the courts and the public. Judge Dabney has made a careful collation of every case upon every point connected with the law on this subject. He has not only collated cases relating to the provisions of the Federal Act but of prohibitory statutes containing provisions similar to them. We can imagine no book of any greater value to the practitioner who may be called

upon either to prosecute or defend cases under the Federal Act. Every adjudicated point of any value to both the courts and lawyers in the construction and practical demonstration of the Federal Act is set out in this book, which is completely indexed and analyzed with reference to sections of the Federal Act. Judge Dabney has done a work of great value and we know of nothing which at this time can take its place. The publishers have issued the book in the most attractive form, both as to arrangement and type. We commend it most highly.

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**Practical Real Estate Law**—By William X. Weed, of The Westchester County, New York, Bar. In Two Volumes. Albany, New York. Matthew Bender & Company, Incorporated. 1920. Price \$20.00.

One would certainly think that the last word on Real Estate Law had been said, and that all that was necessary would be hereafter simply to note new cases, but when one sees a work bearing the imprint of Matthew Bender & Company one can be well assured that any work published by that concern is worth a careful examination and is apt to prove highly satisfactory. Mr. Weed's work is absolutely novel. At this writing only the first volume has been issued, though the second is expected in a very short while, and no doubt will fulfill all the promise of the first. The work is alphabetically arranged and sets out in clear, concise language the disposition made of all important questions which have arisen in the last quarter of a century, together with the application of the principles to all reported cases. It is essentially practical and is not loaded down with those generalities or reasonings with which so many authors deem it necessary to pad their volumes. In our judgment it is one of the most practical books published and will enlighten many of the dark places in this obscure body of the law better than any work we have seen. We hope to be able to soon see the second volume and to enjoy an examination of it as much as we have done the first.